

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A header decompression apparatus for decompressing a compressed header of a packet for transmission by referring to reference information being the same as reference information referred to for header compression by a transmitting side, said apparatus comprising:

5 a packet receiver for receiving the packet from said transmitting side;

10 a reference information manager for storing and managing said reference information;

a header decompressor, provided with the received packet, for carrying out header decompression by referring to the reference information stored in said reference information manager;

15 an error detector for detecting an error in the packet including the decompressed header;

a counter/storage for counting the number of errors detected by said error detector and storing a relationship between the number of error packets and the number of error free 20 packets; and

an update request unit for transmitting, to said transmitting side, an update request for requesting update of said reference information, when determining, based on the relationship of the packet number stored by said counter/storage, 25 that the reference information stored in said reference

information manager should be updated.

2. The header decompression apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein

5 said counter/storage has a predetermined value W stored
therein, and counts and stores the number of packets R having an
error detected by said error detector from among the last W
packets previously received by said packet receiver, and

10 said update request unit determines, based on W and R
stored by said counter/storage, that the reference information
15 stored in said reference information manager should be updated
when R is larger than a predetermined value.

3. The header decompression apparatus according to claim
2, wherein

15 said update request unit determines that the reference
information stored in said reference information manager should
be updated when R is larger than a predetermined value which is
determined based on W .

20 4. A header decompression method for decompressing a
compressed header of a packet for transmission by referring to
reference information that is the same as reference information
referred to for header compression by a transmitting side, said
method comprising:

25 a packet receiving step of receiving the packet from

said transmitting side; a header decompressing step, provided with the received packet, of carrying out header decompression by referring to the reference information stored in said reference information stored;

5 an error detecting step of detecting an error in the packet including the decompressed header;

 a counting /storing step of counting the number of errors detected in said error detecting step and storing a relationship between the number of error packets and the number
10 of error free packets; and

 an update requesting step of transmitting, to said transmitting side, an update request for requesting update of said reference information, when determining, based on the relationship of the packet number stored in said counting/storing
15 step, that the stored reference information should be updated.

5. The header decompression method according to claim
4, wherein

 in said counting/storing step, a predetermined value
20 W is used to count and store the number of packets R having an error detected in said error detecting step from among the last W packets previously received in said packet receiving step, and

 in said update requesting step, it is determined, based
25 on W and R stored in said counting/storing step, that the stored reference information should be updated when R is larger than a

predetermined value.

6. The header decompression apparatus according to
claim 5, wherein

5 in said update requesting step, it is determined that
the stored reference information should be updated when R is
larger than a predetermined value which is determined based on
W.

10 7. A computer-readable recording medium with a program
recorded therein, the program being executed in a computer system
for carrying out header decompression of decompressing a
compressed header of a packet for transmission by referring to
reference information that is the same as reference information
15 referred to for header compression by a transmitting side, said
program comprising:

 a packet receiving step of receiving the packet from
said transmitting side;

20 a header decompressing step, provided with the received
packet, of carrying out header decompression by referring to the
reference information stored in said reference information
stored;

 an error detecting step of detecting an error in the
packet including the decompressed header;

25 a counting /storing step of counting the number of

errors detected in said error detecting step and storing a relationship between the number of error packets and the number of error free packets; and

5 an update requesting step of transmitting, to said transmitting side, an update request for requesting update of said reference information, when determining, based on the relationship of the packet number stored in said counting/storing step, that the stored reference information should be updated.

10 8. A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 7, wherein

in said counting/storing step, a predetermined value W is used to count and store the number of packets R having an error detected in said error detecting step from among the last 15 W packets previously received in said packet receiving step, and

in said update requesting step, it is determined, based on W and R stored in said counting/storing step, that the stored reference information should be updated when R is larger than a predetermined value.

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9. The header decompression apparatus according to claim 8, wherein

in said update requesting step, it is determined that the stored reference information should be updated when R is 25 larger than a predetermined value which is determined based on

W.

10. A program executed In a computer system for carrying out header decompression of decompressing a compressed header of a packet for transmission by referring to reference information the 5 same as reference information referred to for header compression by a transmitting side, said program comprising:

a packet receiving step of receiving the packet from said transmitting side;

10 a header decompressing step, provided with the received packet, of carrying out header decompression by referring to the reference information stored in said reference information stored;

an error detecting step of detecting an error in the packet including the decompressed header;

15 a counting /storing step of counting the number of errors detected in said error detecting step and storing a relationship between the number of error packets and the number of error free packets; and

20 an update requesting step of transmitting, to said transmitting side, an update request for requesting update of said reference information, when determining, based on the relationship of the packet number stored in said counting/storing step, that the stored reference information should be updated.

25 11. The program according to claim 10, wherein,

in said counting/storing step, a predetermined value W is used to count and store the number of packets R having an error detected in said error detecting step from among the last W packets previously received in said packet receiving step, and

5 in said update requesting step, it is determined, based on W and R stored in said counting/storing step. that the stored reference information should be updated when R is larger than a predetermined value.

10 12. The header decompression apparatus according to claim 11, wherein

 in said update requesting step, it is determined that the stored reference information should be updated when R is larger than a predetermined value which is determined based on
15 W.